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SUBJECT: SPD REACTION TO THE ELECTION RESULTS IN SPAIN

1. AN SPD OFFICIAL HERE HAS TOLD US THAT THE PARTY IS VERY PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE SPANISH ELECTIONS. THE SPD REGARDS IT AS A SIGN OF CONSIDERABLE SPANISH VOTER SOPHISTICATION THAT THE PSOE (H) WAS GENERALLY IGNORED. IT IS PRINCIPALLY PLEASED BECAUSE IT HAD EARLIER EXPRESSED THE BELIEF--PRESUMABLY DERIVED FROM PSOE BRIEFINGS--THAT THE SPANISH SOCIALISTS WOULD OBTAIN NO MORE THAN 18 TO 20 PER CENT OF THE BALLOTS.

2. ONE SPD OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT THE SPD EVEN BELIEVED IT WAS BETTER THAT THE PSOE SHOULD NOT NOW COME TO POWER. THE SPD QUESTIONS WHETHER THE SPANISH SOCIALISTS HAVE ENOUGH TRAINED PERSONNEL TO STAFF A GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS A PARTY. IN ORDER TO HELP THEM DEVELOP SUCH PERSONNEL, THE SPD HAS ESTABLISHED AN
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OFFICE OF ITS FRIEDRICH EBERT FOUNDATION IN MADRID. THROUGH THAT OFFICE, IT IS ARRANGING TRAINING FOR SPANISH SOCIALISTS. IN ADDITION, THE SPD HAS HELPED THE PSOE OBTAIN BANK LOANS HERE TO HELP FINANCE ITS CAMPAIGN. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE SPD HAS BEEN DECLINING RECENT JOURNALISTIC EFFORTS TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT SUPPORT IT HAS BEEN GIVING THE PSOE.

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